

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the section of the application entitled “Cross Reference to Related Applications” with the following:

The present U.S. Utility Patent Application claims priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, as a **continuation-in-part (CIP)**, to the following U.S. Utility Patent Applications which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and made part of the present U.S. Utility Patent Application for all purposes:

1. U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 09/430,821, entitled “Cable Modem System,” (Attorney Docket No. 1875.132000A), filed October 29, 1999, abandoned.
2. U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 09/574,558, entitled “Cable Modem Apparatus and Method,” (Attorney Docket No. 1875.132000D), filed May 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,650,624.
3. U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 09/653,155, entitled “Method and Apparatus for the Synchronization of Multiple Cable Modem Termination System Devices,” (Attorney Docket No. 1875.0730001), filed August 31, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,760,316; and
4. U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 10/097,942, entitled “Downstream Adaptive Modulation in Broadband Communications Systems,” (Attorney Docket No. 1875.189000), filed October 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent 7,197,276.